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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Nava

SHORT TITLE Next Generation Fund      SB 242/aSEC

ANALYST Lucero

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$10,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB756

### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08	FY09		
	\$10,000.0	NFI	Recurring	Next Generation Fund

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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SEC Amendment

Senate Education Committee Amendment to Senate Bill 242:

- Allows the appropriation to include subsequent fiscal years beyond 2008;
- strikes the language “and prevent the abuse and neglect of children pursuant to the Children’s Trust Fund Act.”; and

- removes unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year from reversion to the general fund.

### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 242 appropriates ten million (\$10,000,000) from the general fund to the next generation fund (NGF) for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to promote positive child and youth development and prevent the abuse and neglect of children pursuant to the Children's Trust Fund Act.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of ten million (\$10,000,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

Under the Children's Trust Fund Act, under which the Next Generation Fund operates, the FY05 enabling statute, created the fund as a non-reverting fund. Funding is added to the corpus by appropriation and interest generated off the corpus is used for program expenditure, therefore the funding should not revert to the general fund at the end of FY08.

The appropriation in this bill is not part of the Children, Youth and Families Department's request and is not included in the Executive recommendation of Children, Youth and Families Department.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

SEC amendment to SB242 strikes the reference to the Children's Trust Fund Act, and serves to clarify and distinguish that the intent of the appropriation is specific to the Next Generation Fund. Appropriations made to the Children's Trust Fund are recurrent, with unexpended or unencumbered funds reverting to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year. Appropriations to the Next Generation Fund are made to the permanent principal corpus in order to generate interest for annual program investment and funding.

The next generation fund (NGF) expanded the Children's Trust Fund mission beyond its enabling mission which focused on child abuse and neglect prevention. Originally, the Children's Trust Fund was created by state statute in 1978 to provide the means to develop innovative projects which address issues such as, preventing child abuse and neglect, providing medical, psychological treatment for victims of abuse and neglect and develop community based services on child abuse and neglect.

NGF projects must provide positive child and youth development activities that support physical, mental and social well-being; promote strong and health families and help prevent abuse and neglect; promote community service, leadership and citizenship; and provide community coordination of child and youth development programming.

Interest monies generated by the fund will be distributed through a competitive grant process, targeting 0–24-year-old children and youths, administrated by the Children, Youth and Families Department and guided by the state-appointed board of the Children's Trust Fund (CTF).

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

By adding funds to the permanent principal corpus of the Next Generation Fund, additional program and service initiatives can be developed to address child abuse and neglect.

This bill does address any specific CYFD performance measures; however, performance measures should be positively impacted by any amount of increased funding.

NGF projects can incorporate education and "High yield" out-of-school learning activities and effective instructional strategies may improve attendance, positively impacting public school performance measures and benchmarks regarding reading, language arts, math and graduation rates. Additionally, the NGF may positively impact the Pre-K initiative in terms of student readiness to enter school better prepared to learn.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Up to ten percent of the income received from investment of the NGF may be expended for costs to administer the fund and next generation projects. Administrative costs include per diem (members of the CTF board) and mileage, staff salaries and expenses related to administration of the fund.

CYFD administers the Next Generation Council which oversees administration of the fund. The proposal does not present significant new administrative activities for the department.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

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## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Recent research shows that at the elementary and high school educational levels, high achievers spent more time in "high yield" out-of-school learning activities than low achievers. "High yield" out-of-school learning activities include such diverse activities as reading, writing, studying, being tutored, watching educational TV, playing with computers, going to after-school pro-grams and clubs, volunteering, doing a hobby and participating in organized sports (Clark, 2002).

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Competitive awards will support community-identified needs and innovative projects, which might include special in-school and out-of-school initiatives like family literacy projects, prevention/intervention projects, after-school programs and community service and youth leadership.

Students who spend no time in extracurricular activities are 49% more likely to use drugs and 37% are more likely to become teen parents than those who spend one to four hours per week in extracurricular activities (U.S. Dept. of Education, 2002).

**ALTERNATIVES**

None identified

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status Quo

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